

SENATE BILL 1714

By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 56, is amended by
adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-5-56__.

(a) All teachers wishing to enter approved teacher training programs
shall be required to:

(1) Agree to the release of all investigative records to the board for
examination for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of criminal violation
information;

(2) Supply a fingerprint sample and submit to a criminal history
records check to be conducted by the Tennessee bureau of investigation;
and

(3) Sign an authorization and release form provided by the
department or board, authorizing a qualified Tennessee licensed private
investigation company by and on behalf of the board to complete a
criminal history records check.

(b) As used in this subsection (b), "qualified Tennessee licensed private
investigation company" means a company that is licensed by the department of
commerce and insurance, insured with at least three million dollars (\$3,000,000)
worth of errors and omissions insurance and carries sufficient indemnification
coverage.

(c) Any reasonable costs incurred by the Tennessee bureau of investigation in conducting such investigation of an applicant shall be paid by the applicant. The applicant shall be provided a copy of all criminal history records check documentation. In lieu of additional criminal history records checks for subsequent applications, the applicant may submit copies of the applicant's initial criminal history records check documentation and shall not be required to pay any additional costs.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.